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INDOLE-3-ACETIC ACID

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, please enter into the record the following response. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and a Terminal Disclaimer.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elected, with traverse, Group II. Claims 3, 6, 9-16, 20, 26, 33-39, 61 and 62 are pending in the application as they are within the elected group of claims. Applicants believe that claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 17-19, 21-23, 27-30 should be included as pending claims because they are also within the elected group of claims. Additionally, Applicant submits a Terminal Disclaimer and requests withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of the claims.

Pending claims

In the Response to Restriction Requirement mailed March 25, 2003, Applicant elected, with traverse, Group II (claims 33-39). Applicant also amended the claims to focus on claims directed to the elected invention. Claims 3, 6, 9-16, 20 and 26 were amended to depend from claim 33 and are presently pending. Original claims 4, 5, 7, 8,